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RE: Office Action of May 2, 2008

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Application No. 10/500,317

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Examiner: R. Zervigon

QUESTIONS FOR EXAMINER REGARDING OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

As explained in the telephone message left for the Examiner on July 15, 2008, Applicant has several questions regarding the Office Action of May 2, 2008. Applicant would greatly appreciate the Examiner's clarification for the below points that the questions raise.

In line 12 of page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the longitudinal direction in which the elongate metallic first electrode body extends is "width of 140/146/402/406; Figure 1, 4."

1. Which direction is the Examiner referring to by width of 402 (e.g., in Figure 4, vertical, horizontal, or into the page)?
2. Which direction is the Examiner referring to by width of 406 (e.g., in Figure 4, vertical, horizontal, or into the page)?

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In line 18 of page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the arranging direction in which the elongate metallic second electrode body and first electrode body are arranged in parallel is "axis along 116; Figure 1."

3. Which direction is the Examiner referring to by the axis along 116? The ledge 116 does not appear to be an axial element.

In lines 10-11 of page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner states "U-shaped 416 into page - Figure 1 U shape."

4. What does the Examiner mean by "into page - Figure 1 U shape?"
5. How is, or what part of, the insulating layer 416 is U-shaped?

In line 12 of page 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner states, regarding claim 68, "claim 63 requires separation."

6. What does this mean? Applicant notes that claim 68 is not dependent from claim 63.

Applicant greatly appreciates your consideration and explanation of these issues. We look forward to discussing these matters with you in. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.